



Overwhelming Victory For S. C.

Rural Vote For Public Power Plan

At the time of going to press the vote on the power plebiscite was indefinite. Rural constituencies had piled up a substantial lead for public ownership but the trend in the city vote, still uncounted, seemed to be against government operation and it was possible that the earlier lead for publicly owned rural power might be wiped out.

Premier Manning during the election campaign had declared against public ownership and if there is an over-all majority against it even though made up largely of city votes, it is unlikely that the project will be proceeded with.

One of the paradoxes of the election was the favoring of public ownership by rural voters who at the same time overwhelmingly elected a government which is opposed to public ownership.



PERSONAL STUFF BY E. E. R.

Thirty-five years ago I read one of the world's great books—Henry George's "Progress and Poverty." I have never been able to go along with the author of that book in his suggested cure for the world's economic disabilities, but the diagnosis contained in "Progress and Poverty" affected me profoundly, as it has, of course, many thousands of its readers in many languages around the world. It impressed on me the need for change. That was the first step toward a conclusion about what should be the nature of the change and the process by which it would be effected. The conclusion I did arrive at was that democracy held the key; that the principles of democracy supplied the answer to the world's needs; that the extension of that principle to the government of the economic life of the world was necessary to the full development of human personality and the achievement of true human dignity.

As the years have passed every experience I have had has strengthened that belief. Back there it became a gleam to follow, a goal for which to strive. And through the years the gleam has not grown fainter nor the goal less real. And there has been

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A. J. E. LIESEMER, who was re-elected as C.C.F. member for Calgary in the provincial general elections on Tuesday. On the final count Mr. Liesemer was elected when P. N. R. Morrison was eliminated.

C.C.L. Writes King

Demands Immediate Action To Control Cost of Living

OTTAWA, (CPA)—Insisting that the Government take immediate action to re-establish price control and halt inflation, President A. R. Mosher and Secretary-Treasurer Pat Conroy, of the Canadian Congress of Labor, have written Prime Minister King, External Affairs Minister St. Laurent and Finance Minister Abbott, as follows:

"Prior to the discontinuance of price controls on a large number of items, the Canadian Congress of Labor urged the Government to maintain these controls until it became clearly evident that they might be removed without injury to the living standards of the Canadian people.

"At the time the price controls were removed, the Congress opposed this policy on the ground that it would lead to inflation and greatly increase the cost of living. During the past two years the Congress has on several occasions pro-

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AUSTRALIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN OF EUROPE

Australia will send more than 1,000 tons of food to the children of Hungary, Austria, Poland, Romania and Czechoslovakia this month. The food includes more than 600 tons of margarine, 235 tons of peas, 105 tons of peanut butter, and 43 tons of butter. So far, more than \$150,000 have been raised towards Australia's target of \$3,200,000 for the children. In addition to donations, the Australian National Committee for the United Nations has had offers from families wanting to adopt children. In the past seven months nearly \$1,340,000 worth of food has been shipped from Australia for the International Children's Fund.

Roper and Liesemer Only C.C.F. Members Elected

Alberta electors gave overwhelming endorsement of the Social Credit government when they went to the polls on Tuesday. In a smashing victory over their C.C.F. and Liberal opponents the Manning administration have increased their already huge majority in the Alberta house.

C.C.F. leader, Elmer E. Roper was elected in Edmonton. A. J. E. Liesemer of Calgary, who has been a C.C.F. member of the House since 1944, was also elected when P. N. R. Morrison, a former C.C.F. member, who ran as Independent Labor, was eliminated.

The Social Credit vote was increased throughout the province and the percentage of the vote gained by the government was increased. Both the total votes and the percentage of votes received by the C.C.F. were below the 1944 figures.

RADIO RECEIPTS MOST GRATIFYING

To all those who have contributed so regularly and generously to the Radio Fund throughout the election campaign, a sincere "Thank You." The returns have been most gratifying finishing up this week with a total of \$120.31.

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ELMER E. ROPER, C.C.F. Provincial Leader, who was elected in Edmonton on Tuesday. On the first count, Mr. Roper was in second place. Premier Manning topped the poll and the Liberal Leader, Harper Prowse followed Mr. Roper in third place. In fourth place was Percy Page, Independent Leader. J. P. Lazarowich, Liberal, stood fifth. Transfer of votes under the P.R. system had not been completed at the time of going to press for the capital city's five-member constituency.

AUSSIE DOCTORS OUT ON STRIKE

OTTAWA (CPA)—The British Medical Association (of Australia) has refused to co-operate with plans for national health and welfare, opposing the free medicine scheme which was introduced on June 1 as a first step toward a comprehensive plan. Their attitude has aroused the wrath of trade unionists, who have strongly condemned the doctors, and in some instances building trades unions have refused to work on premises owned or operated by members of the B.M.A. who oppose the scheme.

Make Killing Out Of Former Government Fertilizer Plant

OTTAWA, (CPA)—North American Cyanamid Ltd. sold approximately \$5,700,000 worth of ammonium nitrate last year from a former government-owned plant which it bought in 1946 for about the same sum, the Royal Commission on prices learned in its investigations in Ottawa last week.

The firm's price for ammonium nitrate has risen to \$70 a ton, delivered to the customer, after selling in 1947 at various prices which company officials said averaged a return at the plant of about \$57 a ton. Last year's output was slightly less than 100,000 tons.

The plant, built at Port Robinson, Ontario, during the war for the manufacture of explosives on a management-fee basis, was sold to North American at the end of the war for \$4,750,000 plus about

\$1,000,000 for the value of stocks on hand, company officials testified. The previous day Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. had shown an increase in fertilizer prices of around \$8.90 a ton in Alberta, with corresponding price increases elsewhere.

Questioned by the Commission counsel, H. A. Dyde, K.C., who pointed out that the increase had plainly been larger than the increase in costs, the company official, Robert Hendricks, replied there would be little incentive to develop the prairie market for fertilizers unless there were reasonable profits from doing so.

The cost increase of the fertilizer has been \$4.25 per ton, but the company has boosted its price from around \$67 to \$75.90.

British Steel Output Breaks All Records

Britain's steel production in June was equal to a rate of 15,444,000 tons per annum. This new record output announced by the British Iron and Steel Federation is the highest rate in the history of the industry. It compares with an annual rate of 13,206,000 tons in June, 1947, and beats the previous record established last April by 161,000 tons.

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Canadian Political Conventions

By Frank R. Scott,
National Chairman of C.C.F.

Excerpts from a radio broadcast given in "The Nation's Business"
Series, August 12.

LISTENING to the broadcasts from the Liberal Party convention last week must have made us all feel we were witnessing the end of an era. . . .

The conservative elements in the party won out, and the voices of the young students who were calling for positive and progressive action had little effect on the official platform platitudes. . . .

Canadian Liberalism is just too old-fashioned to solve the problems of a highly industrialized state like Canada. I think the Liberals' belief in political democracy is genuine and right, but their belief in something they call "private enterprise," and their tolerance of big business control of our economic affairs renders them helpless to protect the interests of the great mass of the population today.

Believe in Private Enterprise

It is because they believe in private enterprise that they took off controls so rapidly after the war ended; hence we are suffering from a serious inflation. It is because they believe in private enterprise that they have left the housing business to private contractors and to speculators; hence we are getting every kind of building in Canada except the kind that is most needed by most people; i.e. low-cost housing.

This same Liberal Party which says it is in favor of social security cut the interest rate this year on government annuities from 4 to 3%, thus making it harder for poor people to save for their old

age. Are we to believe that the private insurance companies were not lobbying for that change?

Liberals will never give us effective price control, or low-cost houses, or a comprehensive social security program, nor will they in the end protect us from another disastrous depression, because they believe something which is no longer true, if it ever was true, namely that our economic affairs are best left to private business to run as it sees fit.

They must accept the C.C.F. idea of economic planning if they would fulfil their promises to the people, and all their Liberal doctrine is against planning. That is the essence of the Liberal dilemma. That is the reason for their conservative action in spite of their Liberal words. They cannot save themselves without ceasing to be Liberals and becoming socialists. And not only did they pass a resolution against socialism, but they are obviously controlled by, and heavily financed by, big interests which are too busy planning their own profits to allow the state to plan for the people.

Tory Side-Stepping

Everything I have said about the Liberals is true, of course, and in greater measure, of the Conservative Party. When its convention takes place in September we shall see it side-stepping all the vital issues in the same manner,



PROFESSOR FRANK R. SCOTT
because it too is an old-fashioned capitalist party.

I could throw Social Credit into the same bag too, for all its funny money ideas but I do not consider Social Credit to be a serious contender in the national arena.

What the Canadian people are witnessing today is the spectacle of the old parties struggling helplessly in the net of their old political slogans, and failing to deliver the goods, failing to develop the great resources of this country for the common benefit of all, because they will not recognize that we do not live under a free enterprise system any longer but under a monopoly capitalism.

C.C.F. In Striking Contrast

Contrast with this the position taken by the C.C.F. Next week the C.C.F. convention will meet in Winnipeg, and, since it is being broadcasted, the people of Canada can compare its procedure and program with those of the Liberals. Two main differences will be noted.

First, the C.C.F. convention procedure will be found to be much more democratic, and secondly the program will be squarely based on the need for economic planning to give the houses, social security and stable prices that the people want.

Meet Regularly

National Conventions are nothing strange to the C.C.F.; this will be our tenth in 16 years, while the Liberals have only held three in the 81 years since Confederation. It will be a smaller convention, because we are still a smaller party and because we choose our delegates in a different manner. Ours are selected, with few exceptions, by the rank and file members in each federal constituency, not by a higher command of party officials.

Our resolutions are already printed and have been out in the

hands of delegates for weeks. Thus there is time for all sections of the C.C.F. to study them and each delegate will come prepared to discuss and vote any amendments he desires. At the Liberal convention most delegates never heard or saw the resolutions till they were read and adopted.

Our delegates will be farmers and workers and teachers and small business men—a cross section of all types of Canadians, but most of them people who really feel the pinch of price rises, and who badly need the things they write into the C.C.F. program.

I wonder how many Liberal delegates really needed state aid for their own personal housing problems? The C.C.F. is proud of its absolutely democratic constitution, and of the way it is controlled and financed by its own card-holding members so that it is free from any outside domination. I was glad to see the Liberals adopt the 4 year rule for future conventions, but even a convention every 4 years is not enough for democratic control.

When you hear members of the old parties accusing the C.C.F. of totalitarian methods, just take a look at our conventions by comparison with theirs and see which knows the most about democracy. And as you behave inside the party, so you will behave when you come to power.

But the biggest difference between the C.C.F. and the Liberals comes from the fact that we are a democratic socialist party and they are a capitalist party. They have nailed their flag to private enterprise and we nail ours to democratic planning. We say it is the responsibility of the state to see that the people are provided with stable money and prices, good houses, food and education, as well as equal opportunity to develop their own initiative and personality in whatever calling they may choose.

People Come First

We say it is the responsibility of the state to see that the needs of the people are met first, and after that is done, but only after that is done, the private interests can be left free to seek their profits.

People Before Profits

Putting it another way, we believe that people come before profits, and while there is nothing wrong in a fair profit being made by a business man in an honest way, there is a great deal wrong in the government allowing, for instance, building materials to go into luxury homes where the profit is high, rather than into low cost dwellings which are less pro-

fitable but much more socially useful.

Definite Proposals

The C.C.F. program that will be adopted at this coming convention will not only say what we intend to do, but how we intend to do it. We shall have very definite proposals regarding health, housing, social security, a national labor code, assistance to agriculture, and other matters which are of vital importance to the people and on which the Liberal program is so vague and sketchy. But beyond that we shall also have definite proposals about economic planning, the socialization of key industries and the control of investment, without which the welfare part of the program is just empty words.

Everybody is for social security; the problem is how to get it, and unless a political party is prepared to take the economic steps necessary to control the economy, then the talk of lovely welfare measures is just dangling carrots before donkeys. Of what use promising an increase in old pensions when next week the price of food and clothing has jumped another 10% and so has taken away the extra benefits?

Democratic Planning

A private enterprise system just cannot be relied on to produce decent living standards and a fair distribution of wealth and opportunity; it will always drag you through the misery of inflation or unemployment.

Nor will private enterprise work satisfactorily under a mild form of Liberal tinkering, which is always too little and too late. The challenge to all democracies today is to impose democratic planning upon their capitalist systems, and this challenge the C.C.F. fully accepts. Sooner or later we must come to it, because if planning is not done by the people for the people it will continue to be done by the monopolists for the monopolists.

First Term Program

At this convention the C.C.F. is outlining a first term program. That is to say, it is deciding what it will put into effect during its first term of office at Ottawa. At the end of its first term, in four or five years, it will come back to the people in another general election and ask for a new mandate, just as Premier Douglas has so successfully done in Saskatchewan. If the citizens of Canada do not like what we have done they can vote us out; if they do like it, as I am sure they will, they will send us back to carry out a second term program. That is how democracy works, and it will work the same for the C.C.F. as for the other parties.

The C.C.F. asks the people of Canada to join its ranks. The old parties cannot be made the instruments for democratic social change any longer, because their philosophy is outmoded and they are not free from the control of private interests. The C.C.F. sees what must be done, and has the democratic will and organization to do it.

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JUST A PAUSE

The night before election. Almost like Christmas Eve. Sort of a hush hangs over the province. No more political appeals on the radio. Here and there a final "rally." But most of the candidates and speakers have called it a day. Whatever is said tonight won't make much difference. The case has been closed and the jury has retired. The verdict will be delivered tomorrow by the supreme authority—the people.

Speculation is rife, of course. It's a great indoor sport to figure and speculate about the number of candidates various parties will send to the House. There should be a provincial-wide pool on the number of candidates with good prizes and the surplus could go to stimulate research in social science. There is so much yet to be clarified about social behavior. Anyway, a lot of people tonight say "Thank goodness that's over for a few years anyway."

Not so for the socialists. To us election day is merely a pause, like stock-taking for the merchant. Our campaign is never finished. Not even when we win a mandate for a government. That would be only the beginning of the serious business of implementing the program for which we stand. Whatever the results of balloting, win or lose, the job of rebuilding the jungle society of capitalism into a co-operative commonwealth, must go on relentlessly until the principles of human brotherhood are incorporated into the new social structure. Just as long as there is social injustice or exploitation of the weak by the specially privileged, there is no end to the campaigning for socialists.

Neither do socialists feel frustrated or discouraged if their hopes do not materialize at any particular time. Because the struggle for social justice is timeless. Of course we are eager to speed the day, so we might ourselves participate of the fruits of social security. But a socialist knows that society moves slowly and a generation is only a small-time sector in the age of a civilization. Ours is a long range program. The strength and tenacity of a socialist movement is based on knowledge and understanding, not on hope or wishful thinking. True socialists are never seized by bitterness or cynicism against their neighbors who seem to be such gluttons for punishment and so stubbornly cling to old fears and habits. Socialists understand the forces that are at work corrupting the truth. They also know the fatal flaws in the system which corrupts. Their job is to cultivate the truth persistently, to take advantage of the opportunities that arise from time to time to guide the multitudes in the direction of economic freedom. Elections are such opportunities.

No socialist regrets the contribution he makes on such occasions for the cause of the co-operative commonwealth. No more than a farmer resents the extra effort he makes when the sun shines in his field. No Keir Hardie or Woodsworth ever resented that he expended himself for a crop that he was not to reap. Experience has taught socialists that slowly and painfully, but

The People Speak

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TAXATION AND MORE

TAXATION

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: Received a copy of your paper last week. I note the fight you are putting up in the interest of Christian Social Reform and the terrific barrage of false accusations now being leveled against you by people who I believe are veritable false teachers, who make use of the religious cloak to attack and tack onto their opponents the term communism, whereas in practice they practically deprive the rural people of a voice in municipal and educational affairs by the centralization of these two government bodies. Schools have been closed and sold that in many cases were being used for religious purposes. We now pay more for bus accommodation than it took at one time to run the School. The buses are routed over roads that the bus drivers cannot possibly give service for parts of the year. The rural school children in this area lost as high as 40 days last year, notwithstanding which some had to walk 1½ miles. Think of it, I think Mr. Manning and his Educational Official should be compelled to get out of their nice cosy beds at 7:30 or 8:00 o'clock in the morning in a week in January when the thermometer hovers around 40 below, or in March when the snow drifts to impassable conditions with a good stiff breeze blowing. Wouldn't I love to see them do the things they expect the parents to make their children do. All this the government has done in the name of a better education.

surely, the workers of the world are moving toward social security. We know no defeat, because we cannot be defeated. Not as long as we have men like our provincial leader, Elmer Roper who in last week's issue so eloquently expressed our burning desire "to be expendable in a great cause." That is our reward.

for rural children, whereas it has had the opposite effect. The children have lost out to an appalling loss of school time, and to appease public opinion they have been passed on to the next grade. Qualifications have gone by the board.

Then too, look at the terrific increase of taxes for educational purposes. And what are we getting for it. The demands of the Educational Department are such that it becomes increasingly difficult to increase taxes for road expenditure. They the government wait about Socialization of land, while through heavy taxation land will be confiscated in the long run just as surely as if they took over control right now, for with the centralization of Municipal and Educational affairs what other view can we take. The Government has practically told the rural people our brain capacity is that of the 13 year old's and therefore are not capable of running our own affairs. For we rural people have not got the same civic rights as the people in cities and towns. Oh well, it is said the people seem to rejoice in being humbugged, and Mr. Manning says the people have a God given right to suffer some more. Well that goes for Social Credit for after all's said, the basic principle underlying all its theories is taxation and more taxation.

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By H. ZELLA SPENCER

SOMEONE asked me if the election had been getting too much for me and I had nothing further to say as my weekly letter did not appear last week. Very few women are supposed to arrive at the stage when they have nothing more to say. I had not. Possibly I addressed my envelope wrongly or there was some other slip-up as I sent it off as usual.

Perhaps there was nothing new in it. On such a subject it is very often a case of doing as a recent writer on a popular subject said he was doing: He felt that almost everything that could be said had already been said so he said he was merely giving readers a kick in the shins. I, think I was indulging in that pastime.

But in case it has gone astray and I do want to repeat one bit—the introduction. I was quoting from "Uncle Remus" which possibly some of you remember as one of your childhood books. In case you do not know it, Uncle Remus, by Joel Chandler Harris, is a book containing a series of stories supposed to be told in old Southern negro dialect to Miss Sally's white child about the fox, the rabbit and the terrapin. As there are many bits of old folklore incorporated in them, they are often amusing.

I happened to pick this book up and came upon a bit which I thought rather descriptive of the state of affairs in Alberta last week. By the time you will be reading this, I suppose there will be the lull after the storm. But Uncle Remus is telling the child

of the deluge and explained that "Way back yander 'fo enny 'un us wiz borned dey animals and de beasteses sorte 'lecshuner roun' 'mung deyselfes 'twel at las' dey 'greed fer ter have a 'sembly.' When the little boy asked what they did he answered, "I kin scarcely call to mine 'zackly w'at dey did do, but dey spoke speeches, en holloed, en cusst, en flung der langwidge 'roun des like w' en you dady wiz winter run fer de legislater and got lef'."

As I say, when you read this, we shall know who "got lef'" and we shall know the victors individually and as a party and we extend congratulations for the opportunity given them.

Perhaps I can make no better wish for the province than that the party in power may emulate the animals of long ago as Uncle Remus painted them, as this is what he said of the animals after they had electioneered round among themselves: "In dem days creeters had lots mo' sense dan dey got now; lef 'lone 'dat, dey had sense same like folks. His w'at tech on go wid em, too, mon en w' en dey made up der mines w'at hatter be done, 'twant mo'n, men-shuned 'fo it wuz done."

Now we have had a lot mentioned of what will be done so as I say I think the best wish I can wish the province is that the promises be fulfilled.

(Editor's note: Our humble apologies to Mrs. Spencer whose article was inadvertently omitted from last week's paper.)



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DECISIVE RESULT

NO ELECTION result could have been more decisive. The Manning government has not only set a new record in popular support but at the end of its present term will have been in office longer than any other government of the province. It can certainly claim that its policies have received the overwhelming support of the people of the province. Never was the mandate to "carry on" given more emphatically to any government in Canada.

There is no comfort at all for the C.C.F. in the result, except that which always comes to those who have taken what they believed to be the right stand on the issues at stake. Edmonton and Calgary voters did return to the legislature provincial leader Elmer E. Roper and A. J. E. Liesemer who were the only C.C.F. members in the last house.

The Liberals fared little better, although they will have two seats in the House instead of one.

THE POWER PLEBISCITE

ALTHOUGH THE final result in the power plebiscite is not available as this is written, it appears that public ownership has won, especially in the rural constituencies. It should be a major objective of the farm organizations to maintain pressure on the government to carry out the will of the people in this matter.

One of the puzzling features of Tuesday's election is the vote for public ownership by the same voters who so overwhelmingly endorsed a government which is opposed to the principle.

It will not contribute to the good feeling between city and country for rural residents to know that a majority of city voters were against public ownership to provide rural electrification. A vote to turn Edmonton's publicly owned electric light and power system over to private hands would be unthinkable. But it appears as if a majority of Edmonton voters have opposed public ownership in the province as a whole. The warnings of opponents of public ownership, including the government, to the effect that city people might be adversely affected apparently were successful.

COMMUNIST "HELP" HURT

ALTHOUGH IT is unlikely that the Manning government would have been defeated in any case in Tuesday's election, there is not much doubt that the Communist scare hurt the C.C.F. tremendously. Communist opposition could not have taken a vote away from the C.C.F. Their embrace was fatal.

Coupled with the continent-wide fear-mongering that is being engendered in the United States Congress, in the newspapers and on the radio throughout North America, even the uninvited and unwelcome support of the Communists was enough to frighten thousands away from the C.C.F. The advantage which Premier Manning took of the situation was as effective as it was questionable from the standpoint of honesty.

Whatever else they are, the people who direct the strategy of the Communists in Canada are not stupid. They knew as well as anyone else how harmful to the C.C.F. would be their much publicized "support." They intended it to be the "kiss of death."

STILL GOING UP

Announcement by the secretary of one of the central labor bodies of the Dominion that another round of wage increases is due unless the government takes some steps to roll back prices is not surprising. With the newest rise in the price of nearly everything the worker must buy the cost of living in Canada is now the highest in history. The family budget has been stretched to the limit, in spite of the wage increases obtained in the past three years.

The so-called white collar worker has been hardest hit of all. For the most part he has no union to fight for him. His salary in most cases has not kept pace with the ever-rising cost of living.

The amazing thing about the price situation is the apparent calmness with which the Canadian people accept the renewed dipping into their pockets which is represented by every increase in the price index.

THE THIRD COLUMN

PREFABRICATED EDITORIALS

Christian Science Monitor

July 21:

"Thinking is already too stereotyped in America. Press and radio facilitate the process. But normally a person knows whose opinion he is picking up. Now, however, it appears that a surprising number of newspapers are offering to their readers as their own editorials that are actually produced in an 'editorial factory.'"

"This practice is exposed in the July issue of Nieman Reports, published by the Society of Nieman Fellows. It discovered almost by accident that a single editorial was carried by 59 newspapers, with a circulation of 390,000. Nieman Reports found that the material was prepared and sent out by a company in Portland, Oregon, which it says, 'distributes prefabricated editorials to newspapers on behalf of power interests.'"

A POLITICAL ASSET

Blair Fraser in Maclean's

Magazine, August 1:

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"Needless to say, the 5,000-odd insurance agents in Saskatchewan regard this portion of the C.C.F. program with anger and alarm. I could find no evidence, though, of any widespread resentment among the rest of the population. The Liberals made no issue of it, and tended to be embarrassed by questions on the subject. On balance, insurance looked like a political asset and not a liability to the C.C.F.'"

CONFISCATION, LIBERAL BRAND

Professor F. R. Scott, National Chairman of the C.C.F., in "The Nations Business" CBC broadcast, August 12:

"The conservative elements in the party won out . . . no sooner had the (Liberal) convention ended than the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported a further rise in prices of 2.6 points just for the month of June. What a comment on Canadian Liberalism!"

"The official price index now stands at 156.9, the highest in our history; which is another way of saying that after all these years of wonderful Liberal administration the money in the pockets of the Canadian people is worth less than ever before. How many of us realize that a rise in prices is a form of capital levy? The \$100 bond we bought in 1941 is now worth about \$70 in real money. Liberals preach against socialism yet they follow policies which confiscate the hard earned savings of little people in a way no socialist government would tolerate."

Weekly Sermonette

Jesus -- The Hater of Racial Prejudice

BY REV. G. A. SAUDER

Waskatenau

"But a certain Samaritan . . . had compassion."—Luke 10:33

THE THOUGHT of Jesus as a hater comes as a shock to our finer senses. Jesus of Nazareth hated no one, even Judas Iscariot whose financial manipulations and double-crossing led to Calvary. Nevertheless Jesus did resort to hatred. Deep down in his being he possessed a deep and relentless hatred. He hated hypocrisy, sham, avarice, selfishness and greed.—Yes, Jesus loved men, but hated every false system devised by man.

One of the most glaring evils of that day was racial prejudice. Strange as it may seem, this evil was most obvious among the so-called "Chosen People." For a certain period and for a certain purpose no doubt they were a chosen people. However, during the days of Jesus' Ministry, this became a dead tradition standing as an obstacle to progress and

freedom.

Jesus broke with this and every other dead tradition. He taught by word and act that even the most despised as to racial origin may in the most real sense be our neighbor.

At that time the most despised of all were the Samaritans. The devout Jew would not set foot upon the earth where the Samaritans lived. Repeatedly did the teacher of Nazareth make the hero of his story a Samaritan. This is by design, not by chance. Perhaps he visualized that this dark spectre would continue to raise its ugly face in society and in the church. Be it never forgotten, however, that in very recent days our enemies, so called enemies, and their loyal Canadian sons—the Japanese Canadians found their defenders and friends in our C.C.F. movement and in Canada's leading churches.

'Inter-Faith in Action'

THE picture engraved on a new American stamp depicts the faces of four United States army chaplains on the dark body of a submerging ship. The inscription reads: "These Immortal Chaplains" and by way of explanation adds: "Inter-faith in Action"

What is the story behind this stamp? Why is its message so significant and important to us of the labor movement and to all men and women whether in the United States, this country, or anywhere in the world?

On February 3, 1943, the troopship S.S. Dorchester ploughed through the icy waters of the North Atlantic in the vicinity of Greenland. The ship was suddenly struck by a torpedo shot from a German submarine prowling in that part of the ocean. The vessel sank fast.

Protestant, Catholic, Jew

It was crowded with soldiers who were ordered to abandon the ship. Among them were four chaplains representing three denominations: George L. Fox and Clark Peling, Protestants; John P. Washington, a Catholic; and Alexander G. Goode, a Jewish rabbi. There were not enough life-preservers for all the men, but the chaplains were each provided with one. Seeing the plight of the soldiers and sailors in that hour of supreme danger, they not only tried to help them reach rafts and lifeboats, but each of the chaplains gave his life belt to the nearest man who needed one.

Then the four of them locked arms on deck and intoned their prayers as the waters swallowed them and their ship. They prayed to the one God they all served for their own salvation and for the safety of the men struggling to leave the fast sinking vessel. The survivors who landed in Greenland said that the last they saw of the sinking ship was the four chaplains with their hands joined on the disappearing deck. "This

is the picture engraved in our minds and hearts," they said, "as the S.S. Dorchester disappeared beneath the waves."

In the hour of greatest peril men are capable of supreme sacrifice. They are capable of exemplification of the highest virtues. It is these examples that serve to light the way for all of us when we are in our own weaknesses unable to find the best solution of our problems. But we know that we need more than this. We need more than true brotherhood at the hour of death. We need it all of the time.

—Canadian Labor Reports.

OFFERS T.L.C. AID TO SASKATOON CCF

REGINA—The first definite move toward active participation in civic politics on the part of the Trades and Labor Congress in Saskatchewan was made recently when the Saskatoon Trades and Labor Council passed a resolution offering support to the C.C.F. that party entered civic politics in Saskatoon.

The C.C.L. has consistently supported the C.C.F. in federal and provincial politics, and it is likely that support would be followed through in the civic field.

The C.C.F. provincial council recently recommended to the new executive that a committee be set up to advise constituency organizations which wanted to enter municipal politics.

Thus everything points to the likelihood that both labor groups in Saskatoon will be supporting pro-C.C.F. men in this fall's elections, if not official candidates. This, according to one Saskatoon council member, would be "giving the lead to a political party which the majority of labor supports."

So far, there has been no similar move in any of the other Saskatchewan cities, but the word in Regina is that the labor group there may come out shortly with statements of policy.



MANY VISITORS AT CCF WOMEN'S TEA

A steady stream of visitors called at the home of Mrs. A. G. Campbell on Wednesday afternoon of last week when the Edmonton C.C.F. Women's Club entertained at tea. The rooms were beautifully decorated with gladioli and sweet peas.

Miss Mary R. Crawford was the guest speaker and also introduced the other Edmonton C.C.F. candidates.

Mrs. Don Smiley's vocal solos were much appreciated. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. A. G. Campbell.

Receiving the guests with the president, Mrs. J. W. Adair, was Mrs. Edith Rogers, Edmonton constituency president.

The convenors, Mrs. W. F. Small, Mrs. H. Scott and Miss Marian Gimby wish to express their gratitude to all those who helped to make the tea a success.

LABOR WINS PRIMARY IN NORTH CAROLINA

WASHINGTON.—There was a run-off for governor in a Democratic primary in North Carolina. Organized labor swung its support to W. Kerr Scott, a dairy farmer who lives in Alamance county, near Haw river, and he won the primary.

A Democratic nomination in North Carolina is equivalent to an election, but even if that were not the case, it would be difficult for anyone to defeat Scott. He's an able, broad-minded gentleman, who understands the problems of those who work on the farm or in the city.

This is the second big victory won by the workers of North Carolina this year. In the first primary they defeated Senator Umstead, who was affiliated with the most reactionary element in the state, and nominated J. Melville Broughton.

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PASSES ON



JAMES WORSLEY, one of the first presidents of the Calgary Trades and Labor Council, and who was prominently associated with the trade union movement in Calgary for a number of years, died on Sunday evening at the age of 83. He and Mrs. Worsley celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December 1947. He is survived by his wife and three sons: James in Kamloops, Walter in Nanaimo and William in Vancouver. Many friends throughout the province will join in extending sincere sympathy.

Parliamentary Broadcasts Popular In New Zealand

BY MAURICE KITCHING

WELLINGTON, N.Z.—It is sometimes said that New Zealanders are the most politically minded people on earth. It is certainly true that politics is equalled only by sport as a principal topic of conversation.

Perhaps this is the reason why New Zealand was the first country in the world to broadcast the proceedings of parliament as a regular practice.

The Labor government began it soon after their election in 1935, and ever since the people of New Zealand have been able to hear the business of the nation being transacted by merely turning a switch on their radios.

Parliament normally sits in New Zealand from June until about October, on four days and three nights a week. All of this is broadcast except for a few brief periods of radio shutdown at times of maximum electricity consumption. And unless a debate is of extraordinary importance the radio does not continue after midnight. But then neither does parliament very often.

Only the House of Representatives—the elected chamber—is broadcast, since it is the real political battleground. The Legislative Council, which is the upper and revising House, does not go on the air. The broadcast goes out from only one station but it is powerful enough to cover the whole Dominion.

No Deletions

Nine microphones spaced about the chamber of the House of Representatives and one on Mr. Speaker's desk catch the members' words. While the House is on the air everything that is said goes out. There are no cuts, as there had to be during the war because of the listening ear of Tokio.

Very Popular

The broadcasting of parliament has its advantages and its disadvantages.

Chief of the former is the opportunity it gives to any intelligent citizen to follow politics at first hand. Few people have the time or the opportunity to go to Wellington in person and attend parliamentary debates. Most who have the time can find the opportunity of listening to the broadcast of the debates, straight from the House, the only interruption being the voice of the announcer breaking in occasionally to give the name of the current speaker. The popularity of parliamentary broadcasts sometimes surprises visitors to New Zealand.

To the listener there is no disadvantage in parliamentary broadcasting. If he does not like the speeches there are plenty of other stations offering symphony crooners, interminable chamber music and blood-curdling serials.

The disadvantage is seen in parliament itself, and it arises from the "jockeying" between the parties for the best times on the air. The afternoon is not considered a good time by members. They prize most highly the early evening hours. So both sides of the two-party House tend to try and arrange debates so that their own speakers get the early evening air. This sometimes makes the observer wonder whether parliament is meant to be a business or an entertainment.

There are some minor drawbacks but taken all around, most New Zealanders would agree that parliamentary broadcasting is a success. It seems likely to remain a permanent feature of the Dominion's national life, if only for the reason that people might be suspicious if it were dropped; the most suspicious probably being those who never bother to listen now.

Legal authorities have recently queried whether the privilege of unlimited freedom of speech which members enjoy when speaking in the House extends to the radio-casting, and Prime Minister Peter Fraser has promised legislation to clarify the position.

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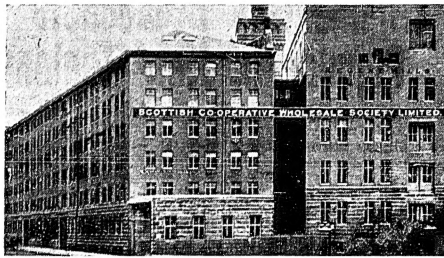
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At The Alberta

School of Religion

By REV. A. H. ROWE

Forty students registered at the 24th annual session of the Alberta School of Religion, Fairweather Camp, Alberta, when the lecturers, Dr. James Endicott, of China and Dr. Allan A. Hunter of Mount Hollywood Congregational Church, Los Angeles gave leadership that was most helpful. Almost everyone in attendance remarked about the strength and realism of the lectures and the seminary discussions.

One Leader is a native of China, the other a Canadian whose parents went to live in the U.S. when Allan Hunter was of primary school age. Both are cosmopolites, both urge the necessity of a people's revolution as envisioned in the Magna Charta of the Christian Magnificat. Both are world-travellers, and Dr. Hunter too served in the foreign field for a short time.

Dr. Endicott

Dr. Endicott, a soldier for ten full years of his life, and sought after eagerly as an intelligence officer for the military government of China, is a man of action, who thinks there might be a mitigation of cruelty and suffering if the Marxian Agrarian Movement in China were carried through by force.

Dr. Hunter

Dr. Hunter too, I would describe as a man of action, who is however, devoted to the spirit and methods of Ghandi and Tolstoi.

"Break the Deadlock," was the Hunter theme—the deadlock being the one of the moment centered in Berlin.

"The Bible as Guide in a Revolutionary World," was the Endicott caption, and it followed the line of the prophetic religion of Judaism and Jesus.

Listened and Learned

Both men are of the line of Toybee and Sorokin concerning this Chamber of Commerce civilization! They "slugged it out" as to method, in a friendly log-machy, while we listened and learned: The great threat to Christianity is not Communism but our own failure to be Christian. Militarism, Mammismism unawareness of the revolutionary quality of contemporary history, these conspire to promote fascism,

and the church is too much tempted to prevent any upsetting of the economic, and national apple-cart. We got an insight into the life of immense populations in China, Chosen, Japan, and India, and were led into a new rationale of Christian action—a deeper appreciation of the life of prayer, love, and service.

Right Relationships

Here is presented a brief statement of conviction emanating from discussion: "Not by atomic bomb, nor bacteriological warfare, but by right relationships, saith the Lord." . . . The Alberta School of Religion affirms its faith that the good news of the Kingdom of God as proclaimed by Jesus, called on all men to repent of their sin and selfishness, and to believe in the power of God to bring right relationships among men. We believe that in Christian action led by Jesus only such methods can be used as do not violate truth and love, mercy and forgiveness.

We protest against the sending of any military aid to the civil war in China. We urge our Church not to withdraw missionaries from the areas where the agricultural revolution has been successful, to the end that the Christian witness of God's love and forgiveness may be given to all men, and that the wounds of civil strife may be healed and brotherly relations more quickly restored among all groups and classes.

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Aftermath of Elections in Finland

By Reginald Spink

COPENHAGEN, (CPA)—Of all the countries of eastern Europe, Finland is unique in having a government that is not dominated by Communists. Following their defeat at the recent general election they are not even represented in it.

Finland, for the first time since 1927, has a Social Democratic ministry, though it is a minority one whose term of office may be of short duration.

The prime minister, Karl August Fagerholm, a former minister of social affairs, wanted to perpetuate the pre-election coalition and include both Communists and Agrarians in his cabinet, but the Communists were not satisfied with the posts that were offered them.

Unless given the Ministry of the Interior, they refused to participate, and the democratic parties refused to form a government with a Communist in this key post. The manoeuvre was plain. Whoever holds the Ministry of the Interior controls the police. This was the way the Communists in other countries east of the curtain won dictatorial powers, and the Finns know it.

It was the dismissal of the Communist, Leino, from this ministry at the end of May which precipitated a political crisis, and led to the election. Leino was charged with abusing his powers, and a vote of non-confidence was passed by a united front of all the anti-Communist parties.

A Little Puzzling

The weakness of the Communists was revealed when political strikes staged by them as a protest fell completely flat. Strangely enough, there was no reaction from Russia, though this had been feared by many people in Scandinavia. And the election which followed was quite free and democratic.

The Russian acquiescence in these communist setbacks in Finland is a little puzzling. Why is Finland the one and only country in the Russian orbit to retain comparative freedom of action? Why does the iron curtain there remain, as it were, suspended in mid-air? Possible the answer is to be looked for elsewhere than in Finland—more precisely, in Sweden.

Sweden, the Key

Sweden, as this correspondent has already reported, stands firm in her traditional policy of neutrality, though Denmark and more especially Norway are fast moving West, and small but influential groups in Sweden are fomenting the same way.

The most powerful isolationist argument in Sweden is reference to Finland. If, so the argument runs, Sweden abandons her neutrality to join a Western union, then the Finns will be lost to Scandinavia, for Russia would immediately respond by absorbing Finland.

This argument however, probably cuts both ways. For if Finland is absorbed by Russia then Sweden will no longer hesitate. The one action which can force her into linking up with the West will have been taken.

This seems the most likely reason why the Finnish Communists have so far been given little support, apart from propaganda, though there may be others. For example, Finland enjoys immense good will in the United States for

her legendary promptness in paying her debts, a fact which may bid Russia pause.

Whatever the reason, Finland retains relative freedom of action in her internal affairs. But the Communists are already violently attacking the new government and are insisting on their "right" to the disputed Ministry of the Interior.

Mr. Fagerholm has the advantage of an unimpeachable war record. He broke with the wartime coalition because of his opposition to the war and he has followed a consistent policy of friendship with Soviet Russia. Although a firm advocate of Finnish co-operation with Scandinavia, he has stressed once again that the cornerstone of Finnish foreign policy must be friendship with her powerful neighbor. But he is no Fier-

linger, and may be relied on to defend his country's internal freedom.

The election results, showing gains and losses of each party compared with the previous election in March, 1945, were as follows:

Agrarians 56 seats (+7)
Social Democrats 54 seats (+4)
People's Democratic League (mainly communist but includes some fellow-travellers) 37 seats (-11)

Union Party (Conservatives) 38 seats (+5)
Swedish People's Party 14 seats (-1)

Progressive Party 5 seats (-4)

The Social Democrats obtained more votes than the Agrarians, who won most seats. The Communists dropped from first to third place.

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"Yes, I can," rejoined the foreman.

"Can you see me?" the contractor next called out.

"No," replied the foreman.

"That," commented the contractor "is what I call a good wall!"

Two partners took a day off to shoot a round of golf. On the third tee, one partner suddenly exclaimed, "My gosh! I think I forgot to lock the cash box."

"So what," asked the other, "We're both here, ain't we?"

A man had been endeavoring to write a telegram with a pen provided by a British post office. After two or three ineffectual starts, he turned to the woman behind the counter and said, sarcastically:

"Is this by any chance the pen used by King John in the signing of the Magna Charta?"

Even that couldn't ruffle her. She replied: "Inquiries on the right, please!"

Sufferer: "Do you extract teeth without pain?"

Dentist: "Not always. I sprained my wrist on one couple of days ago, and it hurts yet."

First Cattleman: "How are things with you, Dave?"

Second Cattleman: "Tough. My steers are so thin that by using carbon paper I can brand two at a time."

Newfoundland

SEE TIE-UP WITH CANADIAN LABOR

BY DORIS FRENCH

OTTAWA, (CPA)—Organized labor on Newfoundland will look forward in strengthening its ties with Canadian workers, if union becomes effective with this country.

Most of the labor organization on the island thus far—the pulp and paper industry, railway shops and electrical workers—is affiliated to the Newfoundland Federation of Labor. Fraternal ties have been established between the Federation and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Percy Bengough, T.L.C. president, does not prophesy any considerable organizing effort, if union becomes effective, but he spoke significantly of recent exchanges of fraternal delegates. Last year the Federation president, Thomas Fahey, represented Newfoundland labor at the T.L.C. congress.

Organize Steelworkers

The Canadian Congress of Labor has had little contact with Newfoundland so far, though a start was made when the Steelworkers union sent organizers in to the Doggo holdings at Wabano mines last year. The fishermen on the island have built up an independent union.

Co-op Tie-Up

Co-operators in Canada are looking forward to an almost immediate tie-up with the societies in the prospective tenth province. T. Ainslie Kerr, assistant executive secretary of the Co-operative Union of Canada, said that Canadian co-ops have been in touch with the Newfoundland associations for some years. In 1945 the Co-op Union made a first friendly approach, and since that time has been sending considerable quantities of educational material to Newfoundland.

In March this year, a fraternal delegate from St. John's, Ernest Russell, Director of Co-operation under the Commission government, told the Co-op Union Congress in Saskatoon that he fully expected to see Newfoundland applying for affiliation as a provincial section within twelve months. His prediction may come true, and if it does a tremendous boost will be given to the efforts of the Newfoundland people who have made a brave start at building self-help co-operatives to combat the stranglehold of St. John's "family compact" of influential merchants.



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Brock Chisholm was born in little Oakville, Ontario. In 1915, he enlisted in the Canadian Army before entering college. In the Army, he served as a cook, sniper, machine gunner and scout before he was commissioned. He came out of the service with the rank of captain and a decoration for gallantry.

By 1924, he had gained his M.D. degree at the University of Toronto. Dr. Chisholm served his internship in England, which he followed up with six years of practice in his home town. During this time, he served with the Canadian Active Militia, pursuing his interest in the application of psychology in the training of a modern soldier. Later, he continued his psychological studies in England, the United States and Canada and in 1934 began six years of private practice in psychological medicine.

Early in the second World War, Dr. Chisholm was appointed to organize personnel selection for the Canadian Army, in which he later became Director-General of the Medical Services.

In 1944, Dr. Chisholm left the Army to become the first Canadian Deputy Director of Public Health and two years later he was named Executive Director of the World Health Organization. He became Director-General of the permanent WHO in July, 1948.

Dr. Chisholm is married and has two children.

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ONE OF THE most important milestones on the road to better health everywhere has been reached by the World Health Assembly of the United Nations meeting at Geneva.

That milestone is history's first undivided, world-wide fight against disease. It will be carried out through the World Health Organization (WHO) of the United Nations.

The need for international action against disease was recognized by medical specialists at least a century ago. Although this idea continually gained ground and led to the establishment of several international health organizations until now the meas-

Headquarters of WHO will be in Geneva, but to meet differing health needs of various areas, the Assembly agreed to the establishment of regional offices in the Eastern Mediterranean, Western Pacific, Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe, the first of which is scheduled to open next January probably in Czechoslovakia. The sixth area, including North, Central and South America, will be served by the already existing Pan-American Sanitary Bureau which will become part of WHO.

Wide Representation

The World Health Assembly also elected an Executive Board consisting of Australia, Ceylon, Iran, Norway, United Kingdom,

It Hurts, But It Helps!



Grimacing as the needle sinks in, a youngster in Greece is inoculated with anti-tuberculosis vaccine. Like 50,000,000 other European children, this girl was examined under an anti-tuberculosis program in which the World Health Organization (WHO) joined forces with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and the Danish Red Cross. Children found free of tuberculosis infection are inoculated to protect them against the dreaded White Plague.

ures taken remained largely defensive and of limited scope.

However, delegates and observers from 68 nations who met here during four weeks have adopted six major programs for improvement of health standards everywhere and enacted the first international health legislation ever undertaken by the nations of the world.

Global Programs

Consolidating the activities of previously existing health organizations and moving into new fields of international cooperation, the permanent World Health Organization (WHO) is already busy with global programs against malaria, tuberculosis and venereal disease. WHO will also mobilize all available resources throughout the world for improvement of maternal and child care, nutrition and public hygiene.

For each of these fields a special division will be created within the Organization and an expert committee will be appointed. These will carry out special studies and will assist and advise national health administrations, providing individual experts and teams for countries requesting them.

Additional activities approved for the first year's operation—with a budget of only \$5,000,000—include the establishment of an international influenza center, a world-wide survey of ways to increase production of penicillin and insulin, stimulation of research in the field of mental health and further extension of the already existing fellowship program, which makes possible the widest exchange of medical and public health knowledge among the peoples of the world.

Survey of Wonder Drug

While the Assembly was meeting in Geneva, the work of WHO missions continued in Austria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Ethiopia and China. A broad medical exchange stressing the latest techniques in surgery was begun in Poland and Finland. Eighty-two more fellows from China and Europe were placed in the United States and Canada studying medical and public health techniques. International experts on streptomycin were ready to meet in New York to pool their knowledge and make recommendations on the use of the new "wonder drug."

Positive Approach

The aims of WHO were summed up by Dr. Andrija Stampar of Yugoslavia, President of the Assembly, who at the final plenary meeting, declared that the groundwork had been laid toward a positive conception of health which would contribute immeasurably to a full enjoyment of life. "Let us continue to contribute," he said, "to the work of our organization in such a way that it will be an important means by which we can promote and maintain peace."

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much to prove the soundness of the theory that democracy applied to the control of the economic forces by which men live, is not merely an idealistic vision but a very real and practicable way of life. Wherever it has been tested, and to the extent that it has been tried, it has proven its efficacy. In the Scandinavian countries, with comparatively meagre resources, the greater and greater extension of the democratic principle to the economic life of the nation has brought a better life, more security, the elimination of want and the fear of want. In his book "Sweden the Middle Way," Marquis Childs during the Great Depression described how that little country had escaped the deluge while great rich nations like the United States had been inundated with unemployment and despair. The theory that the principle of democracy should be extended to the control of eco-

nomics affairs is good. In practice it is good.

All this is preliminary to saying that our goal in the C.C.F. is a good goal. The fact that we may not reach it as quickly as we would like is often disheartening. But that doesn't take anything away from the rightness of the thing for which we strive. And because that is so, people who have set their eyes on the goal of a complete democracy keep on struggling towards it. Every step forward is considered gain. But even a recession, a temporary slipping back doesn't stop the struggle. It goes on.

Writing on the day after the election my emotion is one of regret that all the wonderful work done by hundreds of ardent C.C.F. workers has seemed to come to naught. There were constituencies where we felt reasonably certain of winning. They went under with the rest. But although disappointment in such parts of the province must be keen, the more faithful devotion of our people to the task the more satisfaction they must have in knowing that defeat did not come because of lack of effort on their part. My own thanks goes out in a measure impossible to express to all who put themselves unreservedly into the fight. They'd have done so even if the result had been known beforehand. Adherence to a great and good principle and not the winning of elections is the motivating power in the lives of those who are true to the cause represented by the C.C.F. in Canada. They are in the position of the one who said: "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me." That is the spirit in which they will carry on.

"What made you decide to put off your wedding by two days?"
"Well, you see, I figured it out that my silver wedding anniversary would come on a Saturday, and I always play golf on Saturdays."

Cabinet Changes

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Hon. C. C. Williams retains the labor portfolio and in addition becomes provincial secretary, a post formerly held by Mr. Valieu, but turns over the telephones portfolio to Mr. Darling, the new cabinet minister.

Hon. J. T. Douglas remains as minister of highways, but turns over public works to Mr. Darling. Reconstruction phases of work previously done by the department of reconstruction and rehabilitation under Hon. J. H. Sturdy will also be handled by Mr. Darling through public works, while matters dealing with rehabilitation will be handled by Mr. Sturdy in conjunction with social welfare.

Mr. Darling, the new minister of public works and telephones, was born in 1891 at Shotts, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in 1908. A farmer of the Colonsay district, he was first elected to the legislature as member for Watrous in the 1944 general election.

Demands Action

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tested against the failure of the Government to re-impose price controls, and to keep the cost of living at a reasonable level.

Served Useful Purpose

The Government has maintained that price controls could not now be made effective, but the fact is that every removal of price control on any commodity has been immediately followed by an increase in the price of that commodity, with a consequent increase in the cost of living. This, in itself, indicates that even where there has been no serious attempt to police the controls, they have nevertheless served a useful purpose.

"In spite of the protests made by the Congress and by the Canadian people generally, the cost of living has risen steadily and rapidly, and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics now reports that as of July 1st the index has reached 156.9 points, an increase of 21 points during the past year. The recent action of the Government in removing

controls from soap and shortening will be reflected in still higher prices for these essential items.

"It is particularly significant that the cost of food has risen by 41.5 points in the past year. This means that the workers and the great masses of the Canadian people have been forced to reduce their standards of living even to the extent of undernourishment and consequent hardship. The situation is therefore one of compelling urgency, and in the circumstances the Canadian Congress of Labor insists that the government take immediate action with a view to re-establishing price controls and stopping the inflation which is now in full swing."

A BIT OF Nonsense

He: "Why do you weep and sniffle at a picture show over the imaginary woes of people you never met?"

She: "Same reason why you scream and yell when a man you don't know slides into second base."

A farmer was having difficulty filling out a government claim sheet for a cow that had been killed accidentally. He came to the last item: Disposition of the carcass? Puzzling over this question for some time, he finally wrote: "Kind and gentle."

"This afternoon we will take Mr. Frog apart and see what makes him croak," said the professor to his zoology class. "I have a frog in my pocket to be used as a specimen." He reached into his pocket and drew out a paper bag which he emptied on the table. Out rolled a badly squashed ham sandwich.

"My goodness!" stammered the professor, mopping his brow, "I distinctly remember eating my lunch."

It seems the gate broke down between Heaven and Hell. St. Peter appeared at the broken part of the gate and called out to the devil, "Hey, Satan. It's your turn to fix it this time."

"Sorry," replied the boss of the land below the Styx. "My men are too busy to worry about fixing a mere gate."

"Well, then," scowled St. Peter, "I'll have to sue you for breaking our agreement."

"Oh, yeah," laughed the devil; "where are you going to get a lawyer?"

"Drink," said the Irish vicar, "is the curse of the country. It makes ye quarrel with your neighbors. It makes ye shoot at yer landlord. And it makes ye miss him."

Farmers Council

URGE RAILWAYS BE A PUBLIC UTILITY

Contending that the railways completely failed to prove that they were entitled to the 21% freight rate boost granted them recently and that to ask for more on top of that "is indeed adding insult to injury," the Inter-provincial Farmers' Union Council is registering strong protest to the new demand of the railway companies for another freight rate increase.

Speaking for the U.F.C. (Saskatchewan) and A.F.U. (Alberta), the Council in a statement issued this week point out that the railways in seeking the 21% increase argued that they needed it in order to meet the request of their employees for higher wages. The railways got the increase but the Council notes that the railway workers had great difficulty in securing a wage increase and finally settled for a figure that failed to completely compensate for the increased cost of living. "Now," the statement continues, "the companies, apparently counting on the public having poor memories, want another 20% freight rate increase. They are certainly working the 'increased wages requires increased rates' gag overtime."

The statement declares that the farmers of Western Canada wholeheartedly support the request of the seven provincial governments that the increase be suspended while a thorough investigation is made into the entire rail transportation rate structure by an impartial royal commission.

"For a number of reasons, notably the geography and the economic development of Canada, farmers organizations believe that rail transportation in this country should be viewed as a public utility," says the statement. "Therefore, the C.P.R. cannot see its way clear to operate without increasing its rates, then the farmers are prepared to advocate that all rail transportation in Canada be owned and operated by the government as a public utility. And this does not mean that the government should merely take over nominal ownership of the railways in order to provide guaranteed returns on watered stock as one farmer put it: 'It is about time the government took full control of rail transportation in Canada and saw to it that the railways operate to provide a service not a profit. Otherwise it might as well abdicate and let the C.P.R. run the country out in the open rather than from behind the scene.'"

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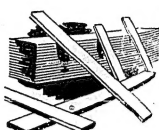
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